

June 22, 2006

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Mike Ellegood, Maricopa County, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, June 29, 2006, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Draft May 25, 2006 Minutes

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Approve Draft minutes of the May 25, 2006 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

The Final Phase Public Input Opportunity provides Valley residents with the opportunity to comment on plans and programs at the point of final plan analysis. The information provided includes all input received through the Final Phase Transportation Public Hearing held on Thursday, June 15, 2006. A transcript of that hearing is included in Attachment One.

6. For information and discussion.

7. Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update

The Draft 2006 Update of the Regional Transportation Plan was approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on April 26, 2006. The major new items in the 2006 Update are revised revenue estimates, and inclusion of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. An air quality conformity analysis has been conducted on the Draft 2006 RTP Update and the Draft FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This analysis indicates that the Draft RTP and Draft TIP meet all air quality conformity requirements. The results of these findings were presented at a public hearing, which was conducted on June 15, 2006 for the Draft 2006 RTP Update, and the Draft FY 2007-2011 TIP.

The errata sheets noted in the following Agenda Item for the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, which identify minor program changes, also apply to the 2006 Update of the MAG RTP. Please see the materials in Attachment Two. Also, the Draft 2006 Update of the MAG RTP is available on the MAG website at <http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/detail.cms?item=5836>

8. Approval of the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year MAG updates the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), primarily by adding a fifth year. All federally funded projects and regionally significant transportation projects (include city and privately funded projects) must be included in the draft TIP for the purpose of meeting the air quality conformity analysis requirements. The Draft FY 2007-2011 TIP was approved by Regional Council, in April 2006, to undergo this analysis, which is now complete. A copy

7. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2006 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP and TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

8. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program, together with any ADOT material cost increases, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP and TIP with applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

of the necessary documents were made available prior to a public hearing scheduled earlier this month. A copy of the draft TIP is included in Attachment Three for review and possible action by the committee. Recent, minor changes that do not affect the air quality conformity analysis on the Draft TIP are listed separately in the attached Errata Sheet 07-6, and on Errata Sheet 07-7, which will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

9. Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program Guidance Report

MAG is starting the process to develop the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. This TIP is tentatively targeted for approval in July, 2007. The first step in the TIP process is the distribution of the TIP Guidance Report (TGR), which has been developed to act as a guide to decision makers to facilitate programming of transportation projects in the region. Most of the technical information provided by the regional management systems on safety, bridge conditions, transit vehicle needs, intermodal projects, and congestion levels has been updated where appropriate. Information is also provided on air quality conditions, Title VI and Environmental Justice factors and congestion management strategies. The TGR also contains the application forms for MAG Federal funds and represents the formal request for projects for addition to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP. A copy of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TGR will be sent out at a later date.

9. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend acceptance of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP Guidance Report.

10. Final Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 MAG Federally Funded Program

During the interim closeout process, member agencies provided a list of the projects that would utilize the funds that are expected to be available. In addition, the TRC recommended two projects, totaling \$1.4 million, for any final closeout funding, such as any further supplemental or redistributed obligation authority or any final voucher reimbursements that may be received during the final few months of the federal fiscal year.

It may be appropriate to identify additional uses for the final closeout to utilize any remaining funds that could possibly be received. Any additional funds have to be obligated at extremely short notice. Please refer to the memo and tables in Attachment Four.

11. Discussion of Construction Costs and Contracting Provisions

Construction costs continue to remain high along with a high level of uncertainty with respect to both commodity prices and availability. The current cost environment has reduced the number of bidders and increased project costs on public works projects around the state. An update of current cost information will be presented by MAG staff. Representatives from the Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) will also brief the TRC on discussions and progress related to possible cost escalation clauses and other provisions that could be incorporated into public works contracts to reduce the risk of unforeseen cost changes.

10. For information, discussion and possible action to make additional recommendations on possible priorities for utilizing MAG Federal funds that become available through the FY 2006 Final Closeout Process.

11. For information and discussion.

12. Member Agency Update

This section of the Agenda will provide Committee members with an opportunity to share information regarding a variety of transportation-related issues within their respective communities.

13. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, July 27, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information and discussion.

13. For information and discussion.